(c) The total recoverable reserves as on 1-1-1991 are approx. 806 MMT. The major projects for developing the reserves during the Eighth Five Year Plan are as below :—

Field	Recoverable Oil MMT	Investment (Rs. crores)
Neelam	63.19	2,022.20
L-III	40.00	2,393.02
L-II	16.55	1,100.40
Mukta	14.94	1,319.01
Panna	11.72	1,611.20
R-15 A Ph-I	3.29	188.40
Ravva	12.21	1,103.32
Gandhar-II	28.14	1,245.62

In addition to the above there are also a number of small oil fields on land discovered recently which are to be exploited in the VIII Plan and whose investment outlay is less than Rs. 50 crores for each project.

(d) Total demand of petroleum products during the terminal year of the 8th Five Year Plan (1996-97) is projected to be about 79.4 million tonnes. The gap between the demand and indigenous production is proposed to be met through import of crude oil and petroleum products. Foreign exchange requirement will depend upon volume of imports and the prevailing prices in the international market.

Royalty on Oil

*60. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : SHRI J. P. JAVALI :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the recommendation of Ishumaran Committee and by when Govrenment propose to finalise their decision on the issues of royalty for gas and oil ;

(b) whether it is a fact that 1500 billion MM CMD of gas reserves have been discovered, and out of this only 8.5 per cent has been exploited and another 8 per cent would be exploited during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) upto when the gas reserves are expected to last ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The report of Eswaran Committee on Royalty on Crude Oil and Natural Gas is under examination.

(b) Total geological reserves of gas discovered so far are about 1467 billion cubic metres of which about 9% have been exploited and about 8.55% is expected to be exploited during the Eighth Plan period.

(c) At the present rate of exploitation, the balance recoverable reserves are expected to last for 40 years.

Completion of Ganga Action Plan

191. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that phase I of the Ganga Action Plan has been completed and if so, when ;

(b) the details of the expenditure incurred and the progress achieved under phase-I of the plan ;

(c) the main features of the phase-II of the plan and the targets fixed thereunder ; and

(d) by when it is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE

IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGLAM): (a) and (b) 191 schemes out of a total 261 sanctioned schemes have been completed under the Ganga Action Plan Phase I. The remaining schemes are under various stages of implementation. An amount of Rs. 293.77 crores has so far been spent on various schemes under the Ganga Action Plan Phase I.

(c) and (d) The following schemes are proposed to be taken up under Ganga Action Plan Phase II :—

(i) works required but not included in the first phase in the 25 class I towns with a population of one lakh and above ;

(ii) pollution abatement works in class II and class III towns identified on the main river ; and

(iii) pollution abatement works on the grossly polluted stretches of some major tributaries of the Ganga.

The details in this regard are being worked out.

Clearance to Power Projects

192. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to accord clearance to power projects on merits ; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) and (b) All the development schemes, including power projects. have all along been assessed only on merit through scrutiny of environmental data and Management Plans by Committee of Experts.

Strategies for Environmental Protection

193. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to participate in global strategies for environmental protection ; and

(b) if so, the details of the new strategies Government propose to adopt for environmental protection ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) The Government of India is participating and playing an active role in various ongoing negotiations under the aegies of the United Nations, such as the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, and the Conventions on the Climate Change and Conservation of Biological Diversity.

(b) The Government has taken several measures to protect the environment. These include legislative and policy measures, strengthening of infrastructure at Central and State levels; implementation of action programmes for 'cleaning' and 'greening' involvement of non-governmental organisations, environmental awareness campaigns and related activities. These measures are to be expanded in the future.

वनीय वृक्षों की कटाई

194. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

कुमारी आलिया :

क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** : मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान वनीय वृक्षों की कटाई के राज्य-वार कितने मामले प्रकाश में आये हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने वृक्षों की कटाई के लिए वनों की नीलामी पर रोक लगा दी है ;